

Montgomery County Courthouse
Located on the Courthouse Square
Red Oak
Montgomery County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-98

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY MONTGOMERY	TOWN OR VICINITY RED OAK
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE		HABS NO. IA-98
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Located on the Courthouse Square		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Cornerstone laid 1980	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This Richardson Romanesque courthouse is a fine example of one of two prominent styles of public architecture in Iowa, the other being Italian Renaissance.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Richardson Romanesque		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Rock-faced white limestone on the first floor and basement, and red pressed brick above.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in plan, this structure is three-and-a-half stories plus the basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE In typical Richardson fashion, this massive structure contains rusticated openings with stone segmental arches above doors and windows. The courthouse also contains a six-story corner tower with a clock and a hipped roof with gables at projecting bays.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, used as the county courthouse.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalogue: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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